स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० सी० सिल्वेरा): (क) जून, 1995 के अंत तक, देश में 7.05 लाख कुष्ठ रोगी होने की सूचना है।

(ख) इनमें से लगभग 15.2 प्रतिशत रोगी बिहार में हैं।

(ग) सन् 2000 ईस्वी तक भारत में कुष्ठ उन्मूलन करने के उद्देश्य से एक केन्द्र प्रायोजित योजना के रूप में राष्ट्रीय कुष्ठ उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम चलाया जा रहा है। इस कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत कुष्ठ रोगियों को मल्टी ड्रग थिरैपी (एम०डी०टी०) उपचार सेवाएं निःशुल्क उपलब्ध कराई जाती हैं।

Retraining and Redeployment of surplus workers

1734. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the programme of retrainnig and redeployment of surplus workers;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to utilise the funds available with national renewal fund for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The National Renewal Fund was set up by the Government in February, 1992 to provide a social safety net for workers affected by industrial restructuring, technological upgradation and modernisation of Indian Industry. It, inter-alia, envisages assistance for counselling, retraining and redeployment of affected workers. Pilot schemes for retraining and counselling of rationalised workers were undertaken by setting up of five Employee Assistance Centres (EACs) at Ahmedabad, Calcutta, Indore, Kanpur and Bombay. Similar facilities have been extended by Ministry of Labour through six Advanced Training Institutes and 15 Industrial Training Institutes. 33 additional locations have also been identified for setting up of Employee Assistance Centres.

Revival of Mandya National Paper Mill

1735. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering revival of the Mandya National Paper Mills which is the subsidiary of Hindustan Paper Corporation;

(b) what is the total investment required for revival of this Mill;

(c) whether Government would revive the unit and if not, whether Government are considering offering the unit to private sector; and

(d) by when Government are going to take the final decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the latest report of the Operating Agency (OA) cost of revival would be Rs. 30.02 crores.

(c) and (d) Final decision has not yet been taken by the Government. OA has received offers from private parties. Government would take a decision after examination of the report to be submitted by OA as per directions given by BIFR in hearing held on 28.6.1995.

Losses incurred by HMT division in Bangalore and Pinjore

1736. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the HMT divisions in Bangalore and Pinjore are continuing losses since the last few years;